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FOLLOWING REPEAT MONROVIA 5441 ACTION SECSTATE 02 AUG 1976

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SUBJECT: SECURITY

REF: AG/SEC LETTER TO DIRECTOR SIEGEL DATED 6/18/76

1. LIBERIA HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MORE POLITICALLY SERENCE AREAS  
AND WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY ANTI-AMERICAN EXPRESSION OR THREATS  
AGAINST PERSONNEL. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY SPECIAL DEFENSIVE MEASURES  
FRO PROTECTION FROM TERRORIST ACTIVITY AND ARE THEREFORE QUITE  
VULNERABLE. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE THE TRADITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES FOR  
PROPERTY PROTECTION, WE DO HAVE A GROWING CONCERN FOR THE INCREASE  
OF THIEVERY AND BREAK-INS IN MONROVIA. OUR LOCAL SECURITY  
GUARD SERVICE, PROVIDED UNDER CONTRACT, DOES NOT HAVE PRO-  
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FESSIONALISN OR DEPENDABILITY THAT WE CAN REPLY ON FOR ANY

SIGNIFICANT PROTECTION AND CERTAINLY WOULD NOT BE A DEFENSE IN  
EVENT OF ANY EMERGENCY.

2. WE DO HAVE A NEED FOR A MISSION-WIDE RADIO NETWORK TO INCLUDE  
FIELD STATIONS AS WELL AS RESIDENCES WHICH ARE WIDELY SCATTERED  
IN MONROVIA SUBURBS. LACK OF TELEPHONE FACILITIES AND SERVICE,  
AND THEIR UNDEPENDABILITY WHERE THEY EXIST, DRASTICALLY LIMIT  
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS. THE MISSION HAS ONLY ONE WALKIE TALKIE,  
WHICH IS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE DUTY OFFICER, TO PROVIDE  
COMMUNICATION WITH THE EMBASSY MSG. THE SECURITY SURVEY OF  
FEBRUARY 4 REQUESTED THE RSO TO CONTACT THE RCO IN ACCRA TO  
CONDUCT A SURVEY REGARDING ADDITIONAL REDIO EQUIPMENT FOR THE  
USAID BUILDING AND KEY PERSONNEL. WE HAVE NOT HEARD OF ANY  
ACTION BEING TAKEN ON THIS REQUEST. WE HAVE ORDERED A SMALL  
AMOUNT OF TESTING EQUIPMENT TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING THE MOST  
SUITABLE TYPE OF EQUIPMENT (CB OR OTHER) FOR OUR NEEDS. JAMES  
MUNDY, REDSO ENGINEER STATIONED IN MONROVIA, WILL MAKE  
RECOMMENDATIONS AFTER THE TEST EQUIPMENT ARRIVES. COSTS CANNOT  
BE ESTIMATED UNTIL THIS TESTING IS COMPLETED AND A SPECIFIC  
SYSTEM IS RECOMMENDED. COSTS COULD BE A MINIMUM \$15,000 TO  
SEVERAL TIMES THIS AMOUNT DEPENDING ON EQUIPMENT SELECTION.  
AS A LIFE PROTECTOR, SMALL PORTABLE NOISE DEVICES THAT SERVE  
AS A SCARE ALARM COULD BE HELPFUL.

3. THE MAJOR SECURITY ITEM OF OUR PRESENT BUDGET IS A \$70,000  
ONE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR SECURITY GUARD SERVICES FOR THE USAID AND  
EMPLOYEES' RESIDENCES (12 HOURS). WE HAVE NOT BUDGETED FOR  
SECURITY DURING THE TQN BUT FOR FY 1977 OUR BUDGET REQUEST IS  
\$85,000 FOR GUARD SERVICE, \$10,000 FOR SECURITY BARS, \$3,000  
FOR A RADIO LINK WITH A FIELD STATION, AND \$300 FOR MISCELLANEOUS  
SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE USAID COMPOUND.

4. WE WOULD WELCOME A VISIT BY YOUR OFFICE BUT IT MIGHT BE  
MORE BENEFICIAL AFTER WE HAVE DEVELOPED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A  
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.  
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